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ASSISTANCE FOR SETTING UP OF COLD STORAGE BY NHM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance has been provided for setting up of cold storage in the country by the National Horticulture mission (NHM) since its inception;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether several irregularities/discrepancies have been noticed in the matter of providing the said assistance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) & (b): The Centrally Sponsored Scheme on `National Horticulture Mission (NHM)` was launched during the Tenth Plan with effect from May, 2005, under which, there is provision for setting up infrastructure for Post Harvest Management like pack houses, cold storage units and Controlled Atmosphere (CA) storage units. The National Horticulture Board (NHB) has been identified as a National level Agency for implementing the cold storage component of NHM during the current financial year and funds to the tune of Rs.27.00 crore were released to NHB during October, 2005 for setting up cold storage units in the States covered under the Mission.

(c) & (d): The implementation of the programme is yet to be commence, therefore, the matter of irregularities/discrepancies does not arise.